

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 597

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles T. Graves on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Charles T. Graves is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-four years with the Department of Transportation and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, while working for the State, Mr. Graves has been involved in many of the Department's projects, including locations and design details of Interstate routes; he was also on the team to locate the alternates presented to the public on State Route 840 South and the deferred State Route 840 North; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves is an active and important part of his community and his profession; he still is consulted regularly for his input on future plant sites; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves has also contributed his time and numerous talents to the Boy Scouts, which he has served as leader and fundraiser; the Una Elementary School PTA, which he served as President and oversaw the bidding on and construction of their ball fields and playground area; and the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Charlie Graves was chosen as an Outstanding Young American; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves is an active and devout member of Antioch Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Graves is most grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife, Barbara; his son, Robbie; and his three grandchildren. His accomplishments are a tribute to the memory of his late beloved daughter, Stephanie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Charlie Graves has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Charles T. Graves our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.